

**Cambridge City Council Special Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 18, 2016**

A special meeting of the Cambridge City Council was held on Monday, April 18, 2016, at Cambridge City Hall Council Chambers, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge, Minnesota, 55008.

Members Present: Mayor Marlys Palmer; Council Members, Lisa Iverson, Howard Lewis, Tiffany Kafer, and Joe Morin. All present, no absences.

Staff Present: City Administrator Woulfe, City Engineer Blank

**Call to Order & Pledge of Allegiance**

Palmer called the special meeting to order at 4:32 pm.

**Approval of Agenda**

Lewis moved, seconded by Iverson to approve the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

**Results of Minnesota Design Team Visit**

Council reviewed the slides presented by the Minnesota Design Team. Discussion ensued regarding how to make downtown a thriving civic center. Ideas were exchanged with the possibilities of renovating existing buildings to include better housing and the possibility of underground parking.

Discussion as to where the library should be located ensued. Woulfe reviewed the cost of redevelopment and there were many concerns regarding the loss in tax base and jobs. Council expressed concern on whether or not the businesses would relocate in the City of Cambridge, specifically downtown, or move to another community.

It was confirmed the Library Task Force was split between considering moving the proposed project to the Downtown area as opposed to Heritage Greens. Concern was raised at the urgency that the proposed library needs to be constructed now because of the condition of the existing building and the Design Team's plan would take a long time to complete.

Discussion occurred on the possibility of a partnership with Allina to have a bike rental in the downtown area.

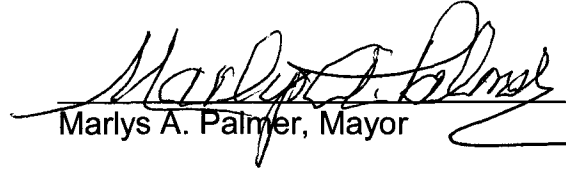
Council discussed the amount of downtown parking and agreed although there is ample parking downtown, citizens feel there should be additional parking immediately in front of the businesses. Lewis suggested informational signs indicating where public parking exists could be helpful. Woulfe stated this concept was presented to the Downtown Task Force last year and was hopeful they would bring up discussions on it again.

Council discussed the need for additional restaurants. Woulfe explained they have approached many restaurants and our area is not meeting their required demographic requirements. Woulfe noted that she has asked Stan Gustafson to reach out to the Sara Treiber with the Mille Lacs Band of Ojibway to see if she and Stan can arrange a meeting

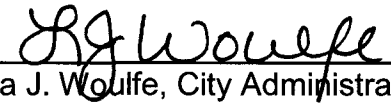
with Robert Irvine who will be at the Hinckley Casino in May to discuss how the City could attract restaurants to Cambridge.

**Adjournment**

Being no further business before the City Council for the special meeting, Lewis moved, seconded by Kafer, to adjourn the special meeting at 5:45 pm. Motion carried unanimously.

  
Marlys A. Palmer, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
Lynda J. Woulfe, City Administrator